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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES

REF: A) AMBASSADOR BARNES' L.TTER TO RICHMOND, SEPT. 15

B) BUCHAREST 5398

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CLARIFICATION OF ROMANIAN VIEWS ON TIME AND PLACE FOR NEGOTIATION OF PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES FOR 1977-78. IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BE IN BUCHAREST, THEY SHOULD BE IN PHASE WITH POSSIBLE PROGRAM TALKS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA (NOW BEING PLANNED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER). ATTPR TALKS CAN BE MOVED TO EARLY DECEMBER, WHICH WE WOULD PREFER FOR ROMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE NEED TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIANS SOONEST IN ORDER THAT USG REPS INVOLVED NEED TAKE ONLY ONE TRIP TO THE AREA.

2. REQUEST ALSO CLARIFICATION ROMANIAN VIEWS CONTINUED REFTEL B RE TIMING FOR EXCHANGE OF DRAFTS. ALTHOUGH WE UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL BELIEVE WE CAN BE READY BY BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, WE

WOULD PREFER LATER DATE AS SUGGESTED BY TRANCA. HABIB

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